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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

Fee Transmittal Form



Fee Attached



Amendment/Reply



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Affidavits/declaration(s)



Extension of Time Request



Express Abandonment Request



Information Disclosure Statement



Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete ApplicationResponse to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

Drawing(s)



Licensing-related Papers



Petition

Petition to Convert to a
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Proprietary Information



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Other Enclosure(s) (please
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Enclosures:

1. Petition for Retroactive License (37 CFR 5.25);
2. Petition for License for Foreign Filing (37 CFR 5.14);
3. Verified Statements in support for Petition for Retroactive License (Kim, King);
4. Enclosures of references cited in Verified Statements: English Translation Korean Applic. No. KR2003-0064186 + Filing Receipt; Copy of assignment; Web pages for C&S Patent and Law site; CC contract between Dr. Kim and C&S; CC "email 1"; cc "email 2".
5. Associate Power of Attorney (for Patricia Smith King)

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Patricia Smith King

Signature

Patricia Smith King

Date

17 Aug. 2004

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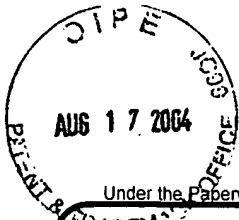
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 260

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/708001
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First Named Inventor	Ju Young Kim
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The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
Independent Claims		-20** =		X		=	
Multiple Dependent		-3** =		X		=	

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	260 (2)
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 260

SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	Patricia Smith King	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	41899	Telephone	608-231-2988
Signature	Patricia Smith King	Date	17 AUGUST 2004		

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PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE LICENSE (37 CFR 5.25)

Dear Director of Technology Center 3640,

Petitions for retroactive foreign filing license under 37 CFR 5.25 (MPEP §140) are delegated to the Director of Technology Center 3640 (MPEP § 1002.02(c)(1) paragraph 7). This Petition is therefore being submitted to your attention.

1. Petition

It is respectfully requested that this Petition for License for Foreign Filing attached hereto be granted retroactively under the provisions of 37 CFR 5.25.

Please note that the Petition for License for Foreign Filing requests (a) expedited handling and (b) a telephone report.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. sections 1.8(a) and 1.10*
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2. Material filed abroad without a license

Attached is a copy of the material that was filed abroad without a license for foreign filing. The material comprises the English translation of the Korean patent application no. KR2003-0064186 and attached filing receipt.

3. Identification of inventor(s), title of invention and details of corresponding U.S. application

Inventor(s) name(s): Ju Young Kim

Title of Invention: Lignocellulose-based anion-adsorbing medium (LAM) and process for making and using same for the selective removal of phosphate and arsenic anionic contaminants from aqueous solutions.

In re application of: Ju Young Kim

Application No.: 10/708,001
Filing Date: January 31, 2004

Group No.: 1754
Examiner: none yet assigned

5. Foreign countries and dates of filing of material for which retroactive license requested (37 CFR 5.25(a)(1), (2))

With respect to the material for which a retroactive license is requested, each foreign country in which the patent application material was filed and the date it was filed is as follows:

Foreign Country
Republic of Korea

Date
September 16, 2003

6. Verified Statement(s)

Also attached hereto are the verified statement(s) of:

Ju Young Kim and Patricia Smith King.

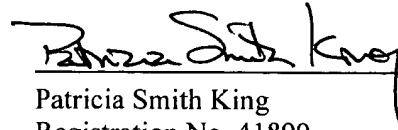
which confirm(s) that, in accordance with 37 CFR 5.25(a)(3)(i)-(iii),

- (a) the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad, and that it is not currently under a secrecy order;
- (b) the license is being diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing; and
- (c) an explanation of why the material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under Section 5.11 first having been obtained.

7. **Fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))**

The fee for this Petition for Retroactive License (\$130) plus the extra fee for expedited handling of the enclosed Petition For License for Foreign Filing (\$130) are paid by the attached check for \$260.00.

Date: 17 AUG. 2004



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**PETITION FOR LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING
(U.S. PATENT APPLICATION BEING FILED CONCURRENTLY)
(37 CFR 5.14)**

Please note that this petition requests:

expedited handling.
telephone report.

1. Petition

Petition is hereby made, in duplicate, for a license under 37 CFR 5.12(b), for the foreign filing of the subject matter for which a corresponding U.S. application has previously been filed. A copy of this application is attached hereto to assist in the handling of this petition.

It is requested that the duplicate copy of the petition be returned with the license or other action on the petition.

2. Identification of inventor(s), title of invention and short statement as to the nature of the invention

Inventor(s) name(s): Kim, Ju Young

Title of invention: Lignocellulose-based anion-adsorbing medium (LAM) and process for making and using same for the selective removal of phosphate and arsenic anionic contaminants from aqueous solutions.

It is believed that this invention is clearly of no interest from a security standpoint, as it relates to:

A lignocellulose-based anion-adsorbing medium (LAM) and process for making and using same for the removal of phosphate and arsenic anionic contaminants from aqueous solutions. The invention's applications are in the field of environmental clean-up of contaminated waters.

3. Expedited handling (37 CFR 1.17(h))


Expedited handling of this petition for license is requested.

Enclosed is a check in the sum of \$130.00 (please note: actual amount of check is \$260 to additionally cover fee for filing the enclosed Petition for Retroactive License).

4. Telephone notification of issuance of license

Please notify petitioner of the issuance of the license, by telephone, at the number shown below.

Date: 17 AUGUST 2004



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**VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE LICENSE (37 CFR 5.25)**

By Dr. Ju Young Kim

I, Ju Young Kim, am a citizen of the Republic of Korea and inventor of the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Application 10/708,001 and related Korean Application no. KR2003-0064186, which are at issue in the enclosed Petition for Retroactive License under 37 CFR 5.25.

I am the only person besides my Korean counsel, having personal knowledge of the acts regarding filing in the foreign country, namely the Republic of Korea, during the period leading up to and including the Korean filing. As such I am the appropriate person to make this Statement in support of the Petition showing facts as to the nature of the error as required under 37 CFR 5.25.

This Statement describes my understandings and the acts which constitute my error without deceptive intent, those acts covering the period leading up to and including the sole proscribed foreign filing as required under 37 CFR 5.25.

1. The subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad in Korea, and is not currently under a secrecy order. (37 CFR 5.25 (3)(i))
2. The license is being diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing. (37 CFR 5.25 (3)(ii))
 - a. I was first informed of the requirement to obtain a foreign filing license for the Korean filing (KR2003-0064186; filed on 9/16/2003) on August 2nd, 2004, when the attorney for the assignee of the related U.S. Application (10/708,001, filed 1/31/2004) first discovered the oversight and informed me of it. The assignee of the U.S. application is an American company, H₂O Technologies, a Limited Liability Company headquartered in Valdosta, Georgia. The attorney I referenced is Atty. John Sinnott, of the law firm of Langdale & Vallotton located in Valdosta, Georgia. Mr. Sinnott told me on August 2nd, that he had just discovered the error while reviewing the file in preparation for a PCT filing.
 - b. Mr. Sinnott also informed my past patent counsel (i.e., from before the invention and patent applications were assigned to H₂O Technologies), Atty. Patricia Smith King, King Research & Law, Madison, WI, on August 2nd, 2004, via a voice mail message. She contacted me on August 3rd to discuss what information I could provide regarding what happened with my Korean patent application. I provided her materials outlined below that night and on August 4th.

- c. I have made every effort to diligently provide whatever was needed for this Petition as quickly as possible once the error was discovered. All of the information I had was provided within 2 days of being informed of the error.
3. The material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under Section 5.11 first having been obtained. (37 CFR 5.25 (3)(iii)).
- a. I am a citizen of the Republic of Korea and filed the Korean application covering subject matter I invented while resident in the U.S. Though I informed my Korean patent counsel of these facts, they did not inform me of the requirement to first obtain a foreign filing license from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. At the time I was having the Korean application drafted and filed, I had no U.S. patent counsel and did not know that a foreign filing license was required.
 - b. I arranged with a Korean patent law firm to draft and to file a patent application in Korea on my invention, the subject matter of which is described in the related filings (US 10/708001 and KR2003-0064186). The firm assured me that they were competent to handle my filing.
 - i. C&S Patent and Law Office, K.P.O. Box 103, Seoul, 110-601, Korea. Tel: 82-2-2187-7151-9. (see enclosed Web site pages for the firm; www.cnspat.com).
 - ii. The firm assured me that they were competent to handle my case. As their Web site states on the What We Serve page (see enclosed Web site pages for the firm), "Our patent. . . services include drafting patent specifications. . . and filing under various international treaties to establish rights and secure regional protection." (emphasis added).
 - iii. I worked with two attorneys at that firm, Won Son and Sun-Hwa Lee (see enclosed Web site pages for their profiles).
 - c. Timeline. I worked with my Korean patent counsel on drafting the application while living in Korea during August of 2003. I returned to the U.S. in early September of 2004. The patent application was filed in Korea on 9/16/2003 and was accorded application number KR2003-0064186.
 - i. Enclosed please find a copy of the English Translation of Korean patent application KR2003-00064186 with attached filing receipt.
 - ii. The timeline:
 - 1. 8/12/2003 – I went to Korea for the patent application drafting.
 - 2. 8/14/2003 – 8/27/2003 – I made a draft of the patent application documents and revised the document with Sung-Hwa Lee.
 - 3. 8/28/2003 – I signed the patent application contract with C&S (see enclosed copy of contract in Korean, dated 8/28/03 at top).
 - 4. 8/29/2003 – I received a final draft from Sung-Hwa Lee and I sent back a revised one. (see enclosed "E-mail 1" in Korean with attached English translation).
 - 5. 8/30/2003 – I left Korea to return to the U.S.
 - 6. 9/16/2003 – The Korean patent application was filed in Korea.
 - 7. 9/17/2003 – I received an e-mail from Sung-Hwa Lee confirming the filing (see enclosed "E-mail 2" in Korean with attached English translation).

- d. My error could not have been made with deceptive intent because I was ignorant of the requirement for a foreign filing license. My first U.S. patent counsel, Patricia Smith King, whom I began working with after I'd already filed the Korean application [i.e., from 9/17/2004 until filing the U.S. application on 1/31/2004 and its assignment to H₂O Technologies, LLC, on 4/30/2004 (see enclosed copy of Assignment)] did not inform me of the need to obtain a license to file the Korean patent application. As I stated above, I first learned of this requirement from Atty. Sinnott who is current counsel of record for the related U.S. filing.
- e. I have always intended that the technology be developed in the U.S. and be owned by a U.S. interest, as evidenced by my assignment to the U.S. company, H₂O Technologies, a Limited Liability Company headquartered in Valdosta, Georgia, of *"the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the Invention in the United States, its territorial possessions and in all regional patent granting authorities and in all foreign countries, to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States, its territorial possessions and in all regional patent granting authorities and in all foreign countries to be obtained for the Invention through all United States Patent application number 10/708001 or Republic of Korea patent application No. KR 10 2003-64186, or both, or any continuation, division renewal substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof including but not limited to utility models, industrial models, designs and the like, and further includes any and all improvements or inventions related in any way to the Invention."* (see enclosed Assignment)

I sincerely apologize for the error in not obtaining a foreign filing license before filing the subject Korean patent application. However, my error was made with no deceptive intent and I am diligently attempting to rectify the error within 15 days of first being informed of it by assignee's patent counsel.

I respectfully request that you grant the enclosed Petition for Retroactive License.

Declaration

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

PLEASE NOTE: COPY OF FAXED SIGNATURE PAGE SIGNED BY DR. KIM IS ATTACHED.

Date: _____

Dr. Ju Young Kim, Inventor
2021 Ascot Way
Tallahassee, FL 32312
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- d. My error could not have been made with deceptive intent because I was ignorant of the requirement for a foreign filing license. My first U.S. patent counsel, Patricia Smith King, whom I began working with after I'd already filed the Korean application (i.e., from 9/17/2004 until filing the U.S. application on 1/31/2004 and its assignment to H₂O Technologies, LLC, on 4/30/2004 (see enclosed copy of Assignment)) did not inform me of the need to obtain a license to file the Korean patent application. As I stated above, I first learned of this requirement from Atty. Sinnott who is current counsel of record for the related U.S. filing.
- e. I have always intended that the technology be developed in the U.S. and be owned by a U.S. interest, as evidenced by my assignment to the U.S. company, H₂O Technologies, a Limited Liability Company headquartered in Valdosta, Georgia, of *"the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the invention in the United States, its territorial possessions and in all regional patent granting authorities and in all foreign countries, to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States, its territorial possessions and in all regional patent granting authorities and in all foreign countries to be obtained for the invention through all United States Patent application number 10/708001 or Republic of Korea patent application No. KR 10 2003-64186, or both, or any continuation, division renewal substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof including but not limited to utility models, industrial models, designs and the like, and further includes any and all improvements or inventions related in any way to the invention."* (see enclosed Assignment)

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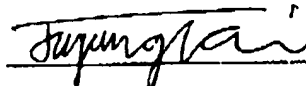
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Date:

8/17/2004



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**VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE LICENSE (37 CFR 5.25)
By Atty. Patricia Smith King**

I, Patricia Smith King, am former U.S. patent attorney for U.S. Application 10/708,001 which is at issue in the attached Petition for Retroactive License under 37 CFR 5.25. I was patent attorney for inventor Dr. Ju Young Kim from 9/17/2004 when we first met for an initial consultation at my office, until he assigned the application to assignee H₂O Technologies, LLC, on April 30th, 2004, whereupon ownership of the U.S. and related patent applications transferred from Dr. Kim to the assignee (see enclosed copy of assignment). Current attorney of record in this case is assignee's attorney, Mr. John Sinnott of the law firm of Langdale & Vallotton located in Valdosta, Georgia.

I do not have personal knowledge of the acts regarding filing in the foreign country, namely the Republic of Korea, during the period leading up to and including the Korean filing because I was not associated with Dr. Kim then. As such I am perhaps not the appropriate person to make this Statement in support of the Petition showing facts as to the nature of the error as I do not meet the requirements under 37 CFR 5.25.

However, this Statement describes my understandings as Dr. Kim's former U.S. patent counsel and is submitted to provide whatever aid possible to the reviewer in their analysis of the Petition.

1. To my knowledge, the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad in Korea, and is not currently under a secrecy order. (37 CFR 5.25 (3)(i))
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 - b. I discussed the matter further with Atty. Sinnott by phone on August 3rd and contacted Dr. Kim to investigate the matter further and to determine what materials he might have regarding the Korean filing. I agreed to prepare the filing materials for the Petition for Retroactive License.
 - c. On August 3rd and 4th I prepared the filing materials for the Petition for Retroactive License. The materials were sent via express mail (ER804576254US) to Atty. Sinnott on August 4th, the second day after being first informed of the error. Atty. Sinnott, as attorney of record for the case, was to then immediately file those materials with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

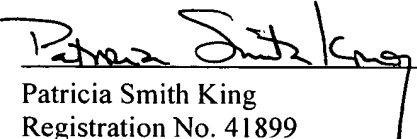
- d. In preparing materials to correct the error within 2 days of its discovery by Atty. Sinnott, all parties including myself, Atty. Sinnott and Dr. Kim have acted diligently.
3. The material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under Section 5.11 first having been obtained. (37 CFR 5.25 (3)(iii)).
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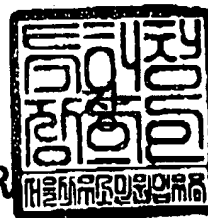
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□SUMMARY□

This invention is about a way of manufacturing lignocellulose media, which has replaced hydrogen in OH-, attached to cellulose(C₆H₁₀O₅) and lignin(phenyl propane, C₆-C₉), with Fe or Al. This invention involves the following three steps: 1) Dissolve a chemical compound containing Fe or Al in water, and then dissociate the Fe or Al by adding acid. 2) Absorb Fe or Al by adding lignocellulose in the above solution. 3) From the above lignocellulose which has absorbed Fe or Al, replace H in OH-, which is attached to cellulose and lignin, with Fe or Al, using a fixing solution or fixing gas.

By this invention, the absorption capacity is much higher than that of other currently used media, and so it can effectively remove arsenic in underground water and mine wastewater as well as phosphate in sea water, freshwater, and sewage. In addition, by the regeneration method suggested in this invention, the lignocellulose media can be regenerated to its original absorption capacity as well, which can lead to great cost effectiveness.

□Index□

lignocellulose, cellulose, lignin, Fe, Al, phosphorus (or phosphate), arsenic

□Specifications□

□Name of the invention□

Manufacturing Method of Lignocellulose Media Coupled with Fe or Al

□Brief Explanation of the Figures□

Figure 1 shows the results of the absorption experiment of non-pelletized lignocellulose media in the distilled water and artificial sea water.

Figure 2 shows the results of the absorption experiment of pelletized lignocellulose media in the distilled water and artificial sea water.

□Detailed Explanation of the Invention □

□Purpose of the Invention□

□Technology the Invention Belongs to and the Current Technology of that Field

This invention is about a manufacturing method of lignocellulose media (hereinafter referred to as Lignocellulose Media Coupled with Fe or Al) which has replaced H in OH-, attached to cellulose and lignin, with Fe or Al. More specifically, it is about a manufacturing method of lignocellulose coupled with Fe or Al as media to efficiently remove arsenic in the underground water and mine wastewater as well as phosphate in the sea water, freshwater, wastewater and sewage.

The above mentioned lignocellulose refers to the main components of the plants, including all the materials which have cellulose and lignin in them, such as wood, paper and cotton.

Generally, phosphate in the sea water, freshwater, wastewater and sewage causes water pollution such as a red tide and eutrophication, and arsenic in the underground water and mine wastewater causes direct/indirect pollution and threatens the lives of human beings, animals and plants when using them into drinks. Therefore, there have been many efforts to remove phosphate and arsenic in water.

When using the currently used method to remove phosphate in the sea water, freshwater, wastewater and sewage, it is impossible to cost effectively remove phosphate in case of non point source pollution, where pollutants are drained into wide areas such as rivers and the sea. And as for point source pollution, where pollutants are produced from specific points, such as industrial wastewater or domestic wastewater, many methods have been suggested, such as chemical precipitation, biological treatment, MBR (membrane Bio-coupled Reactor) method, ion exchange and absorption method.

At present ion exchange and membrane method have been suggested as methods to remove arsenic in the underground water and mine wastewater.

The chemical coagulation/precipitation method is widely used in medium/small sized sewage treatment plants. However, there is a disadvantage that when the concentration of

with Fe or Al in order to achieve the goals above. The followings are the three steps of the method: 1) Dissolve a chemical compound containing Fe or Al in water, and then dissociate the Fe or Al by adding acid. 2) Absorb Fe or Al by adding lignocellulose in the above solution. 3) From the above lignocellulose which has absorbed Fe or Al, replace H in OH-, which is attached to cellulose and lignin, with Fe or Al, using a fixing solution or fixing gas.

As a way to attain the above mentioned goals, this invention provides a regeneration method of lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al which has absorbed phosphate or arsenic. In the regeneration process the lignocellulose media is washed in alkali solution, and then neutralized with acid.

This invention provides lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al. the lignocellulose media manufactured by the above described method can be used to remove phosphate in the sea water, freshwater, wastewater and sewage, and the arsenic in the underground water and mine wastewater.

The following is the more detailed explanation of the invention. Lignocellulose media of this invention is manufactured by following steps. First, dissolve a chemical compound in the water which includes Fe or Al. Some examples of the

chemical compounds containing Fe or Al are FeI₂, FeCl₂, FeCl₃, FeBr₂, FeBr₃, FeF₂, FeF₃, Fe₂(SO₄)₃, Fe(NO₃)₃, FePO₄, AlI₃, AlCl₃, AlBr₃, AlF₃, Al₂(SO₄)₃, Al(NO₃)₃, AlPO₄ and so on, and FeCl₃ or AlCl₃ is recommended. The added amount of the chemical compound containing Fe or Al, such as FeCl₃ or AlCl₃, is 0.01 M ~ 3.0 M. Recommended amount is 0.1 M ~ 1.0M. When the amount is less than 0.01 M, it takes a long time to absorb a certain amount of Fe or Al into lignocellulose. When the amount is more than 3.0 M, on the other hand, Fe or Al gets excessively absorbed into lignocellulose, and produces, in turn, a great deal of extra Fe or Al on lignocellulose surface when fixing Fe or Al to lignocellulose in the next step. It can lead to lower removal efficiency of phosphate or arsenic.

Second, add acid to the solution in which the chemical compound with Fe or Al has been dissolved. This is to help Fe or Al dissociate in the solution, and to prevent the dissociated Fe or Al from associating again, and by doing so, to produce more uniformed Fe or Al solution. HCl, H₂SO₄, HNO₃ can be used as dissociating acid in the solution and HCl is highly recommended. The concentration of the added acid, such as HCl, is 0.1 M ~ 1.0 M. When acid concentration is lower than 0.1 M, acid cannot prevent Fe or Al from associating again. Acid concentration above 1.0 M is needless because 1.0 M of acid is good enough for Fe or Al to

phosphate in sewage/wastewater becomes lower and lower, the removal efficiency is decreased abruptly, and in case of domestic wastewater, the capacity is less than 60 percent. It can also produce a large amount of sludge, which means extra cost, and has another problem as **sludge disposal**.

The currently used biological treatment and chemical coagulation/precipitation method, which is used in medium/large sized sewage treatment plants, are to remove phosphate after biological treatment by adding coagulation chemicals into a settling tank and remove water from the settling tank. Although this has higher phosphate removal efficiency than the chemical coagulation/precipitation method, its screening efficiency is 70-80% at best and the removal efficiency abruptly decreases when the concentration of phosphate in sewage is low. This method produces more sludge than the chemical coagulation/precipitation to causes additional cost and serious problem as **sludge disposal**.

The MBR method, which uses MF(micro filter) or UF(ultra filter), is a method that continuously accumulates phosphate by adding chemical coagulants in the reactor and then cleans the reactor once or twice a year. It has a disadvantage of treating concentrated sludge in the reactor one more time using the sedimentation or other methods.

The semiconductor, electronics, dyeing plants use ion exchange resin method, but it should use pre-treated water and is very costly. Therefore, it can be used only for the special industrial purpose, and so is not appropriate for phosphate or arsenic removal in point/non point source pollution.

Finally, there is a membrane method, which is physical treatment method to remove arsenic using a membrane. It costs much to maintain because it needs NF(nano-filter) and Reverse osmosis process.

□Technological Achievements through the Invention□

The invention is very cost effective water treatment method. Also it is to solve problems of above-mentioned currently used water treatment by providing a method of manufacturing the lignocellulose, a harmless natural material, **media that has been coupled with Fe or Al**. The advantages of the lignocellulose media are as follows: It can remove arsenic in the underground water and mine wastewater as well as phosphate in freshwater, wastewater and sewage. It has high absorption capacity even in the drinking water resource, of which the polutant concentration is very low.

□Steps of the Invention□

This invention provides a method of manufacturing lignocellulose **media coupled**

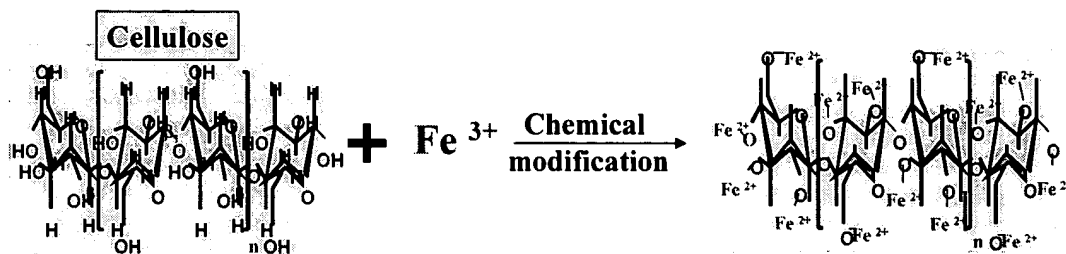
be dissociated.

Add lignocellulose to the above solution with Fe or Al dissociated, let the lignocellulose absorb Fe or Al, and then dry the lignocellulose which has absorbed the above Fe or Al at room temperature. When dried, replace H in OH-, which is attached to cellulose and lignin, with Fe or Al by using a fixing solution or fixing gas. The fixing solution or fixing gas are alkali solution or alkali gas. NaOH, KOH, Ca(OH)₂ and NH₄OH are recommended, and NH₄OH solution or NH₄OH gas are most highly recommended.

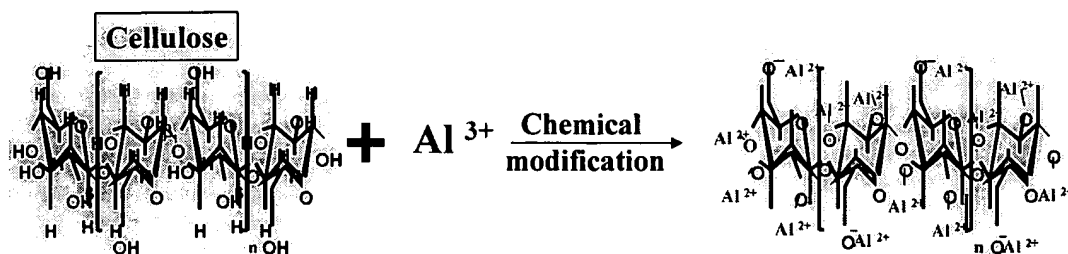
The desirable concentration of alkali solution such as NH₄OH is 1M ~ 8M. Alkali concentration below 1M causes hardly any reaction, whereas, alkali concentration above 8M forms a strata of Fe or Al on the surface of lignocellulose, which cause Fe or Al to come off and reduce available area. In case of alkali gas such as NH₄OH, 1M~ 8M of concentraion is recommended. When the concentration of alkali gas is below 1M, it takes a long time to react, and replacement becomes difficult. When above 8M, the replacement reaction rapidly processes to reduce the amount of Fe or Al to be replaced. The suitable reaction time to fix Fe or Al is from 10 seconds to 10 minutes.

Hydrogen in OH- attached to cellulose and lignin is substituted with Fe or Al as in the reaction formula below. Fe or Al is combined with the lignocellulose in the form of FeO or AlO. Finally, put the lignocellulose coupled with Fe or Al in the distilled water and then rinse out unreacted Fe or Al.

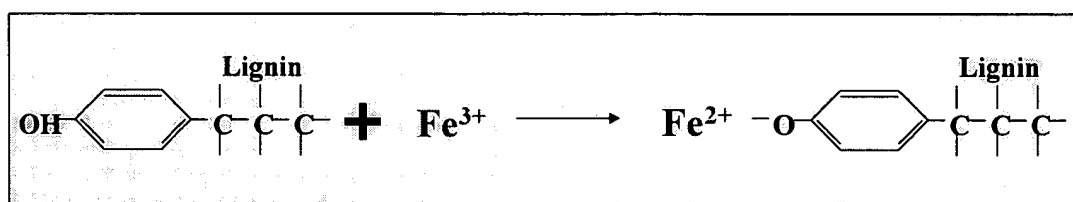
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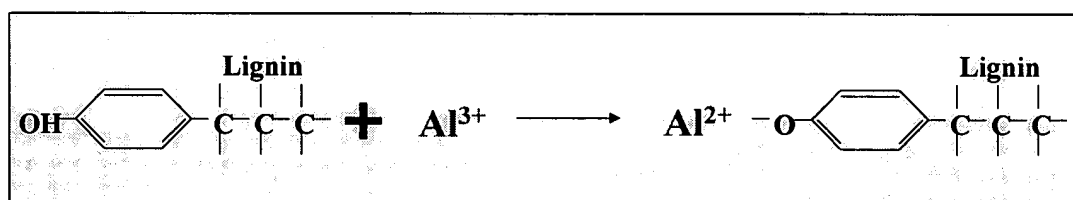
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□Reaction Expression 3□



□Reaction Expression 4□



The lignocellulose media can be pelletized. The pelletizing method is as follows:

Roll a sheet of paper tightly until it makes a stick of proper diameter and paste the end of the paper with untotoxic, unsoluble glue. Cut the rolled paper stick into suitable length. The diameter and length of the paper stick can be of the user's choice and can be of any diameter and length. The liquefied cellulose and liquefied timber can be pelletized.

Also, after coating lignocellulose surface with lignin, the lignin coated lignocellulose can be reacted with Fe or Al according to the manufacturing method above. Coating the lignocellulose surface one more time with lignin which is inside the lignocellulose can facilitate the substitution of Fe or Al. The following is the method of coating lignin.

Fill the digester with 250 ml of sulfite pulping waste liquor and put

lignocellulose media in it. After sealing the digester, raise the temperature to more than 110 °C over one hour. It causes lignin melted in the sulfite pulping waste liquor to condense on the surface of lignocellulose. The lignin which causes condensation reaction is coated onto the surface of lignocellulose. Hydroxyl of OH- of the lignin coated lignocellulose can be substituted with Fe or Al by the same method above.

The following is a method to regenerate the above lignocellulose media.

Put the lignocellulose media with equilibrated absorption capacity into an alkali solution and shake it softly. The alkali solutions can be NaOH, KOH, Ca(OH)₂ and NH₄OH, and recommended one is NaOH solution. Alkali solution such as NaOH below 1% slows down the reaction. Five percentage of alkali solution is good enough for regeneration and so above 5% is inappropriate in terms of economics. Let the lignocellulose leave in the alkali solution for 1-60 minutes and wash it with water. Neutralize the lignocellulose by adding acid to water and let it react with NaOH. It restores the absorption capacity and can make it reusable. HCl, H₂SO₄ and HNO₃ can be used as acid and recommended acid is HCl.

Likewise, the lignocellulose can be pelletized, and pelletized media can be manufactured by the method described above.

It is recommended that the lignocellulose is regenerated with low concentration of NaOH. After the solution is evaporated, the phosphate enriched alkali fertilizer can be produced with the leftover. In this case, it can have additional zero discharged system.

The following is the detailed description of the invention by example.

Example 1

The experiment method of manufacturing nonpelletized lignocellulose media coupled with Fe by this invention is as follows:

First, dissolve FeCl₃ in the water and make solutions with different Fe concentrations of 0.01 M ~ 3.0 M and add HCl into each solution. The solutions were adjusted to HCl concentrations of 0.01M, 0.1M, 0.5M, 1.0M, 2.0M, 5.0M and then Fe was dissociated in solutions. To the solutions in which Fe was dissociated, add nonpelletized lignocellulose in the shape of a square with each side of 25mm, unit weight of 170mg and thickness of 1mm, and then let it absorb Fe. After that, dry it at a room temperature. After drying it, substitute H in OH- attached to cellulose and lignin with Fe by using 66% NH₄OH as a fixing solution. Finally, put the lignocellulose coupled with Fe in the distilled water and wash out unreacted Fe.

As a result, nonpelletized lignocellulose media is manufactured, in which Fe is coupled on the surface of lignocellulose in the form of iron oxide.

Example 2

The experiment method of manufacturing pelletized lignocellulose media coupled with Fe by this invention is as follows: First, to manufacture pelletized lignocellulose media, roll a sheet of paper tightly into a stick with diameter of 2mm and then paste the end of the paper with nontoxic and not water soluble glue. The tightly rolled paper stick is then manufactured into 5mm long pelletized media with its unit weight of 30mg. The rest of the experiment is the same as in the example 1 except that it uses pelletized media instead of nonpelletized lignocellulose media.

Example 3

The experiment method of manufacturing nonpelletized lignocellulose media coupled with Al by this invention is as follows: First, dissolve AlCl_3 in the water and make solutions with different aluminum concentrations of 0.01 M ~ 3.0 M and add HCl into each solution. The solutions were adjusted to HCl concentrations of 0.01M, 0.1M, 0.5M, 1.0M, 2.0M, 5.0M and then made into solutions in which Aluminum was dissociated. To the solutions with different aluminum concentrations, add nonpelletized lignocellulose in the shape of a square with each side of 25mm, and unit weight of 170mg and thickness of 1mm, and then let it absorb Aluminum. After that, dry it at a room temperature. After drying it, substitute H in OH- attached to cellulose and lignin with aluminum by using 66% NH_4OH as a fixing solution. Finally, put the lignocellulose coupled with aluminum in the distilled water and wash out unreacted aluminum.

As a result, nonpelletized lignocellulose media is manufactured, in which Aluminum is coupled on the surface of lignocellulose in the form of Aluminum oxide.

Example 4

The experiment method of manufacturing pelletized lignocellulose media coupled with Aluminum by this invention is as follows:

By using the same method as in the example 2, 5mm long pelletized lignocellulose media with unit weight of 30mg, diameter of 2mm was manufactured, and the rest of the experiment is the same as in the example 3 except that it uses pelletized media instead of nonpelletized lignocellulose media.

Example 5

The experiment method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al after coating its surface with lignin by this invention is as follows: Fill the digester with 250 ml of sulfite pulping waste liquor and put lignocellulose media in it. After sealing the digester, raise the temperature to more than 110 °C over one hour. It causes lignin melted in the sulfite pulping waste liquor to condense. In condensation reaction lignin is coated onto the surface of lignocellulose. The rest of the experiment is the same as in the examples 1 or 4 except that it uses lignin coated lignocellulose.

Example 6

The experiment method and its results of comparing the absorption capacity of lignocellulose manufactured by this invention with that of counterpart sorbents are as follows: First, artificial wastewater is manufactured according to the following steps:

Manufacture artificial wastewater by pouring 50ml of 10mg/l phosphoric acid solution made with distilled water and 50ml of 10mg/l phosphoric acid solution made with artificial sea water (Instant Ocean, Synthetic sea salt, Nitrate-Free, Phosphate-Free, Aquarium Systems Inc.) into the containers of 60ml.

And for CCA treatment (Copper, Chromium and Arsenic, the most common preservation method for wood), inject 1% CCA solution into wood in 25psi. Put the CCA applied wood in the distilled water and measure the concentration of the leachate which comes out after a certain period of time using ICP-Mass and finally dilute it to make 10mg/l arsenic solution. Pour 50ml of this solution into each of the 60ml containers to manufacture artificial wastewater.

Counterpart sorbents is manufactured as follows: PAC (Powder Activated Carbon), Fe(III) oxide, Al(III) oxide(a), Zn oxide(r), and Mn oxide which were used are particles with diameter of 100 mesh or more and all of these were Aldrich products.

For absorption experiment in the distilled water, 1g of counterpart sorbents, 1 nonpelletized lignocellulose media manufactured in the above example 1, 6 pelletized lignocellulose media manufactured in the above example 2 were put into the above 10mg/l phosphoric acid solution and 10mg/l arsenic solution, respectively. The experiment was conducted for 24 hours at a room temperature, shaking the solutions at 150rpm.

For absorption experiment in the artificial sea water, 1g of counterpart sorbents, 1 nonpelletized lignocellulose media manufactured in the above example 1, 6 pelletized

lignocellulose media manufactured in the above example 2 were put into the above artificial sea water of 10mg/l phosphoric acid solution. The experiment was also conducted for 24 hours at a room temperature, shaking the solutions at 150r.p.m. under the same conditions.

Figure 1 illustrates the results of the absorption experiment of nonpelletized lignocellulose media in the distilled water and artificial sea water by this invention and Figure 2 illustrates the results of the absorption experiment of pelletized lignocellulose media in the distilled water and artificial sea water. The following is the detailed explanation about them:

In terms of phosphate removal rates, the nonpelletized lignocellulose media by this invention has the removal rate of 90% in selective adsorption of PO_4^{3-} in the artificial wastewater and artificial sea water. The counterpart sorbents, on the other hand, had a much lower removal rate in adsorption experiments of PO_4^{3-} in artificial seawater. Therefore it has been revealed that the lignocellulose media by this invention can be applied in artificial sea water as well as in distilled water, and that its adsorption capacity (2.95mg/g, 2.0mg/g) is also very high.

Like nonpelletized lignocellulose media, pelletized lignocellulose media also removes phosphate in distilled water and artificial sea water absorption experiments and its absorption capacity (2.64mg/g, 2.1mg/g) is high. Therefore, it is confirmed that pelletized lignocellulose media can effectively remove phosphate.

In arsenic removal rates, the absorption capacity of counterpart sorbents was low in the artificial wastewater arsenic solution, but that of nonpelletized lignocellulose media was very high (3.1mg/g). Pelletized lignocellulose media, like nonpelletized lignocellulose media, also showed very high absorption capacity (3.0mg/g). In short, the arsenic absorption capacity of nonpelletized lignocellulose media and pelletized lignocellulose media have been shown to be 30 times as high as that of counterpart sorbents.

As indicated above, both nonpelletized lignocellulose media and pelletized lignocellulose media by this invention can be applied not only to the freshwater but also to the sea water and have very high phosphate or arsenic absorption capacity.

Example 7

The experiment method and its results to regenerate the lignocellulose media manufactured by this invention is as follows: When absorption capacity of nonpelletized and pelletized lignocellulose media was reduced, wash the nonpelletized lignocellulose media manufactured in the above example 1 and the pelletized lignocellulose media manufactured in the above example 2 in distilled water once and then let them react for ten minutes in the 0.01%, 0.05%, 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0%, 2.0%, 5.0%, 7.0%, 10.0% NaOH solutions.

Wash again the above **nonpelletized** lignocellulose media and pelletized lignocellulose media two to three times in distilled water and then neutralize them using 1N HCl. Put the neutralized **nonpelletized** lignocellulose media and pelletized lignocellulose media into 50ml of the artificial wastewater of 10mg/l phosphoric acid solution and 10mg/l arsenic solution, respectively, which were made in the above example 6 and then conduct five times absorption experiments for 24 hours.

As a result, it was known that absorption capacity was restored to almost 100% in every experiment when the concentration of NaOH was 1.0 ~ 5.0%. The number of times of regeneration **depends on the quality of paper, and** lignocellulose media can be regenerated at least 10 times.

All the things above are the detailed explanation of the invention through examples, and they are for illustrations only. Therefore, they don't restrict the invention to themselves.

□Effects of the Invention□

The lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al, which is manufactured by this invention, has much higher absorption capacity than that of any commercialized absorption media, and so can effectively remove arsenic in the underground water and mine wastewater as well as phosphate in freshwater, wastewater and sewage.

It can provide a simple yet effective treatment method to point source pollution, and shows great success in removing phosphate or arsenic in case of non point source pollution, for which there have been no treatment methods.

Moreover, this invention uses only natural materials such as perennial plants (trees) and annual plants (**Kenaf**, rice straw and cotton) as lignocellulose media. Therefore, it is harmless to human body, has no possibility to cause the second pollution, and is very cost effective. And it can be greatly profitable in economic sense because the regeneration method of lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al by this invention can even restore its original absorption capacity, making it reusable semi-permanently.

□Patent Pending Range□

□Patent Pending Clause 1□

A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al follows the steps below: Step 1: Dissolve a chemical compound containing Fe or Al in the water, and then dissociate Fe or Al by adding acid. Step 2: Put the lignocellulose into the above solution and then make it absorb Fe or Al. Step 3: From the above lignocellulose which has absorbed Fe or Al, substitute Fe or Al for H in OH- attached to cellulose and lignin by using fixing solution or

fixing gas .

☐Patent Pending Clause 2☐

Regarding Clause 1, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al, and the lignocellulose media is one of wood, paper or cotton.

☐Patent Pending Clause 3☐

Regarding Clause 1, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and the above lignocellulose is pelletized media. The pelletized media is made of a stick-shaped rolled sheet of paper using some glue.

☐Patent Pending Clause 4☐

Regarding Clauses 1 and 3, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al. and in its first step, the chemical compound containing Fe or Al is one of FeI₂, FeCl₂, FeCl₃, FeBr₂, FeBr₃, FeF₂, FeF₃, Fe₂(SO₄)₃, Fe(NO₃)₃, FePO₄, AlI₃, AlCl₃, AlBr₃, AlF₃, Al₂(SO₄)₃, Al(NO₃)₃ or AlPO₄.

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Regarding Clauses 1 and 3, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and in its first step, the acid to add is one of HCl, H₂SO₄ or HNO₃ solutions.

☐Patent Pending Clause 6☐

Regarding Clauses 1 and 3, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and in its second step 2, lignocellulose has its surface coated with lignin which is melted in the **sulfurous acid pulp wastewaer**.

☐Patent Pending Clause 7☐

Regarding Clauses 1 and 3, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and in its second step 2, lignocellulose has additional step of drying it at a room temperature after putting the lignocellulose in the above solution and then making it absorb Fe or Al.

☐Patent Pending Clause 8☐

Regarding Clauses 1 and 3, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and in its method , the fixing solution or fixing gas is alkali fluidor alkali

gas.

☐ Patent Pending Clause 9

Regarding Clause 8, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and in its method, alkali solution or alkali gas is one of NaOH, KOH, Ca(OH)₂ or NH₄OH.

☐ Patent Pending Clause 10

A regeneration method of lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and its method, the lignocellulose is made to absorb phosphate or arsenic, and then react upon alkali fluid, and finally be neutralized with acid.

☐ Patent Pending Clause 11

Regarding Clause 10, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and the above lignocellulose is pelletized media. The pelletized media is made of a stick-shaped rolled sheet of paper using some glue.

☐ Patent Pending Clause 12

Regarding Clauses 10 and 11, A regeneration method of lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and its method, the above alkali solution is of NaOH, KOH, Ca(OH)₂ or NH₄OH.

☐ Patent Pending Clause 13

Regarding Clauses 10 and 11, A method of regenerating lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and in its method, the above acid is of HCl, H₂SO₄ or HNO₃.

☐ Patent Pending Clause 14

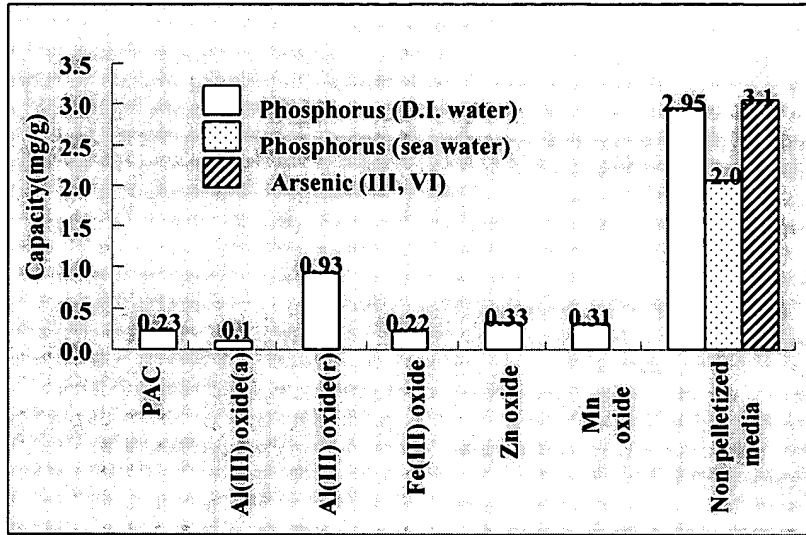
Lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al, which is manufactured by the method in the Clause 1 and used for water treatment to remove the **existing phosphate** in the sea water, freshwater, wastewater and sewage and the **existing arsenic** in the underground water and mine wastewater, and by doing so, which can be used for water resource.

☐ Patent Pending Clause 15

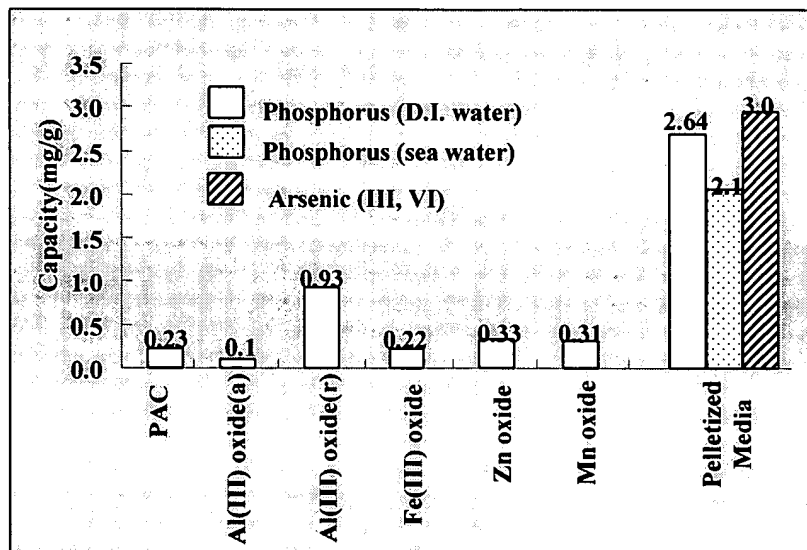
Regarding Clause 14, A method of manufacturing lignocellulose media coupled with Fe or Al and the above lignocellulose is pelletized media. The pelletized media is made of a stick-shaped rolled sheet of paper using some glue.

□ Drawings □

□ Figure 1 □



□ Figure 2 □





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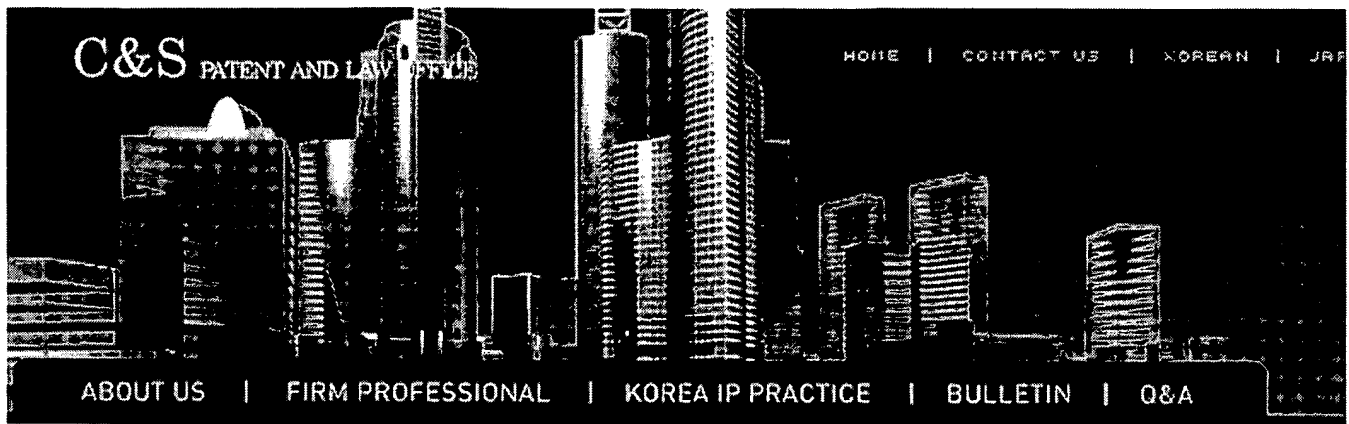
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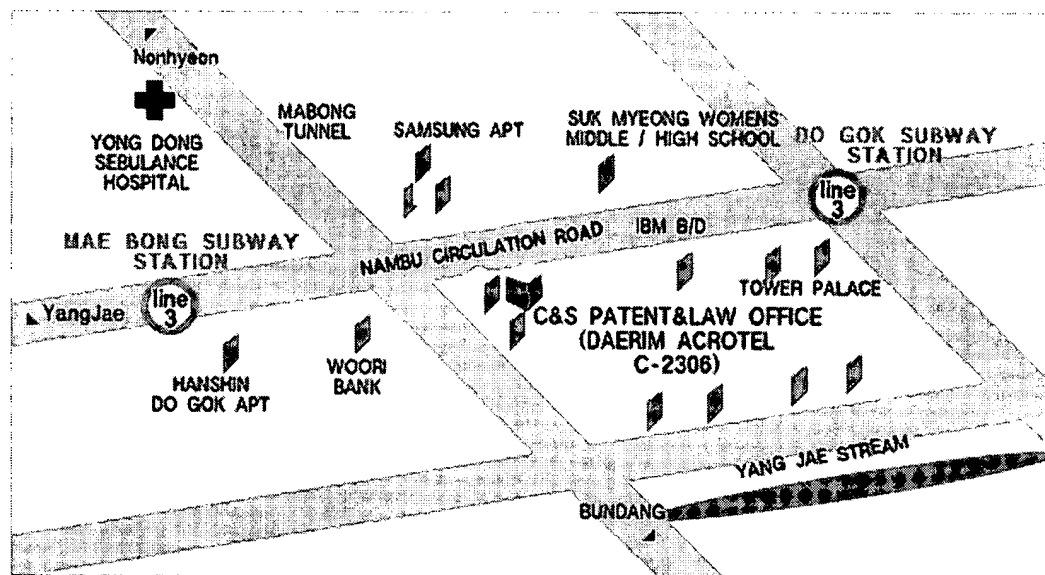
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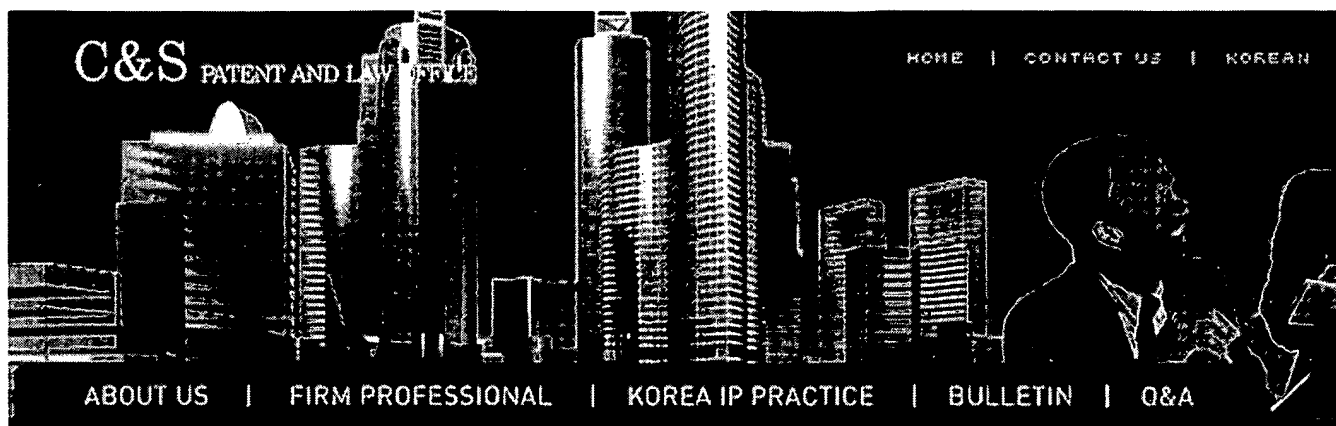
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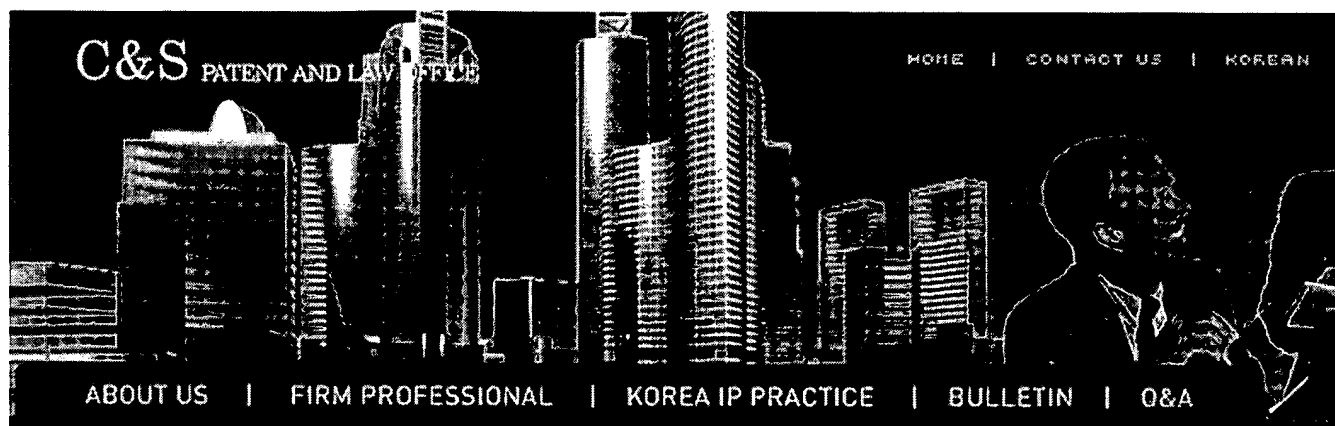
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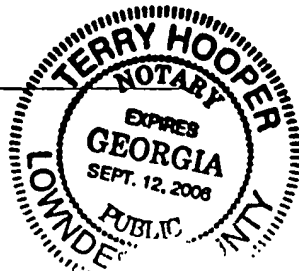
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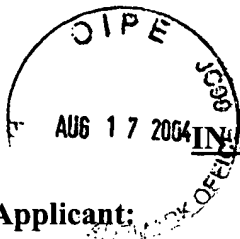
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